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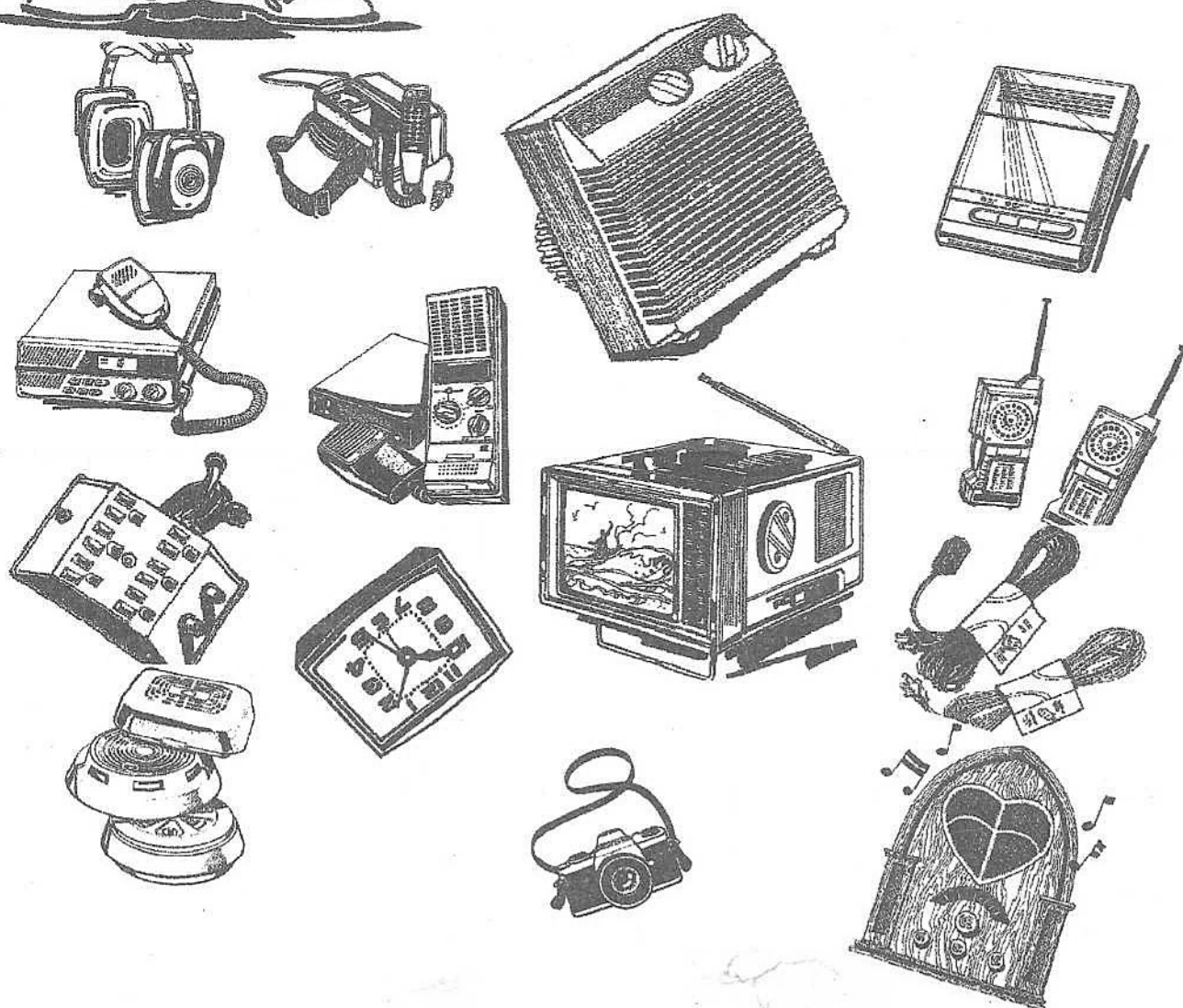
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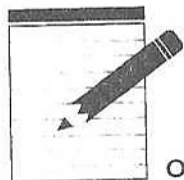


Spend 'til it hurts
and pick up some good gear
at the JUNK AUCTION
May 30th.

TRAFFIC SAFETY SCHOOL
7.30 pm.



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The Minutes

of the APRIL General Meeting held on 2nd May 1997



THE MEETING was opened at 8.05pm. President Gordon VK3FGC was in the chair. He welcomed those present and extended best wishes to those unable to attend due to illness.

APOLOGIES: were tendered on behalf of the following VK3's - DS, LBA & Val, NAY, CFB, KVV, BNC, N9NAY, KGL, KQQ, NIZ, SE and WN. Moved CAZ/ Sec. DMK

MINUTES: were accepted as circulated - with exception of apology from DMK. Moved ADB/ Sec. YNB

CORRESPONDENCE:

Magazines: - Amateur Radio.

Newsletters - EMDRC, WANSARC, HBARC, Capricornia.

OUT: Letter of appreciation to Sunicrust re Boston Buns for "Field Day."

Moved DMK / Sec. BVI

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Aust. Post - Box. \$44.00

R. Voss - Newsletter \$28.35

N.D'Angri - Newsletter \$38.70

Mary Curnow - Groc. \$16.40

Doug Kay - Dump \$ 7.00

Superrun - N'Letter \$27.60

Coltmans - H'Ware \$24.97

Ballt. Locksmiths \$13.00

W.I.A. Subs. \$93.75

Doug Kay - VHF Radio \$100.00

MPRG Seminar \$50.00

Moved AAI / Sec. DOK

REPORTS:

Education - Two candidates in Novice Class.

Tnks DMK.

Technical - MARG Packet Seminar.

Guess who sat on his microphone ! Oh Dear !!!

BBS report. see report on page 6 of newsletter.

Tnks DMK.

QSLs 10 out Zero in.

Tnks XDQ.

Net/Scramble. Pleasant company. Great gardening tips and morse code practice on demand.

Look out for activity on 28MHz net. and DCS propagating !!

Tnks DCS & FGC

Facilities - Mary FMC to promote Ladies Group with interested participants.

Bud AAP to co-ordinate Mid-Week meeting at Club Rooms. To be held on Wednesdays at 10.30 am. All Welcome.

WICEN - Police, CFA, Telstra, Environment, WICEN. Activation day on 4th May.

(DOK, DMK, FGC, CAZ, ADB and YNB.)

Mallee Car Rally at Sea Lake on 9/10 June. (CFH, DMK, FGC, JFL) Tnxs FGC

GENERAL BUSINESS:

BARG to offer Service /Support to WIA re Broadcasts.

Moved LDC / Sec FMC

ARRL/QST/QEX - Sec ADB has placed order thru' Web Site - Awaits arrival.

Tnks YNB for assistance.

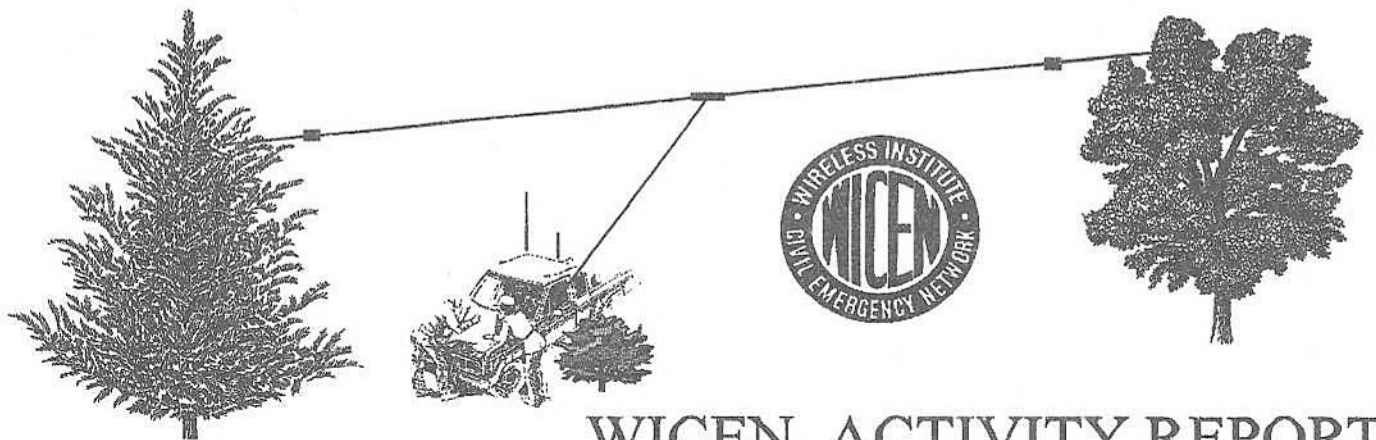
QEX can be downloaded DIRECT from ARRL site.

JUNK SALE to be held at TRAFFIC SAFETY SCHOOL - 7.30pm Start.

NEXT MEETING: - JUNK SALE to follow meeting - May 39th.

Have a great month - 73 de Geoffrey - ADB e-mail address - smith@sebas.vic.edu.au

FINALLY: KALEIDOSCOPE - An instrument for measuring Car Accidents ???



WICEN ACTIVITY REPORT

A WICEN exercise was held on the 4th. May 1997.

Under the control of the "M" district Police Co-Ordinator an exercise to test emergency communications was carried out on the 4th. of May.

The scenario was based on a fire in the "Wombat State Forest" and all but WICEN communications had broken down so that we had to handle all of the messages.

The exercise was from 10am to Midday with stations being set up at the Disaster Room at the Ballarat Police Station, Ballan Police Station, CFA stations at Creswick, Daylesford and Blackwood.

Radio nets were operated on both HF and VHF, with repeater VKRBA and the WICEN portable repeater set up by Ian VK3IDC, located on the high point outside Blackwood to allow communications between Blackwood and Net control at Daylesford.

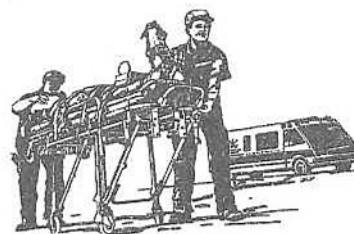
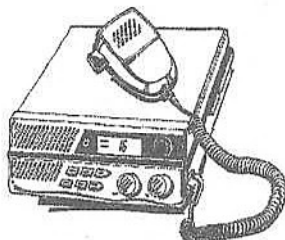
Due to interference between WICEN and D24 the HF link from Ballarat to Daylesford was altered to transmit on VHF from Ballarat, whilst receiving on HF. In effect we were operating three nets.

It was pleasing that operators passed all messages with 100% accuracy, even though they were using message forms belonging to the various agencies, or sometimes just on plain paper.

The exercise was a success as other Emergency Response Plan agencies learned how WICEN worked and that we can operate under field conditions.

Those taking part were: George - VK3DOK, Jeff - VK3PAP, Geoff - VK3ADB, Tom - VK3DMK, John - VK3CFH, Reg - VK3CAZ & XYL - Sheila, Ian - VK3IDC, David - VK3YNB, and Gordon - VK3FGC.

Gordon VK3FGC.





WORD SEARCH



NATURAL EVENTS

A Y G N T O P S N U S Y Y V Z
T S I M U M A G N E T I S M B
M N O I T A I D A R E W E D W
O F S C Y C L O N E S M A D M
S M R O T S L I A H N S S R M
P R E D N U H T L P U U O O B
H B G L A C I E R S S N N U R
E V A P O R A T I O N S S G P
R E F R A C T I O N A H K H E
I Q O T O R N A D O F I E T F
C K G N I N T H G I L N M E B
S K H I Y S U N R I S E M P N
M E E A O N S E O N A C L O V
H R U R E B S V F U Z N J K F
A D F H T S V G N S T R Y L O

ATMOSPHERICS
BUSHFIRES
CYCLONES
DEW
DROUGHT
EVAPORATION
FOG
FROST
GLACIERS
HAILSTORMS
IONOSPHERE
LIGHTNING
MAGNETISM

MIST
RADIATION
RAIN
REFRACTION
SEASONS
SUNRISE
SUNSETS
SUNSHINE
SUNSPOT
THUNDER
TORNADO
VOLCANOES

ONCE UPON A TIME



ANY CLUES ? : This photograph was found in a folder of historical documents and the back is stamped "DIGGER SMITH - APRIL 1978".

CALLSIGNS: 3AKN, 3NDZ, 3NDN, 3NBM, 3NDL, 3WK, 3NDJ, 3XI, 3NBD.

PLEASE NOTE

RETURN OF CLUB EQUIPMENT: In order to re-evaluate and update the BARG Property Listing, it is imperative that **ALL BARG PROPERTY** is returned to the club **PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING (JULY 25th.)**. There will be **no exceptions**, so if you have club equipment please return it and have it verified as soon as possible.

DAYTIME GROUP: Expressions of interest are invited for the formation of a "daytime group" to meet on a selected weekday. Ideally this would tend to include the Elderly, Retirees, Shift Workers and those unable to attend the normal night time functions. Watch and listen for more details later.

MELBOURNE PACKET RADIO GROUP INC. PROJECT UPDATE



From Peter - VK3AVE (President MPRG)

Hello All,

This is an update on the Melbourne Packet Radio Group Inc. current network projects.

* VK3RPS to VK3RPK 9600 Baud Link.

Work is proceeding on completion of the VK3RPS end of the VK3RPS to VK3RPK 9600 Baud link. Completion is expected in the next week or so.

* VK3RMU (Mt. St Leonard) to VK3RPC (MT Warrenheip) 9600 Baud link.

Construction and soak testing of the VK3RMU end of the VK3RMU to VK3RPC link has been completed. It is hoped that MPRGi will install the VK3RMU link box during April. This involves installation of a new 16 element yagi aerial at Mt St Leonard and the installation of the new link node. MPRGi currently has the VK3RPC end of this link for tuning, alignment and testing. It is hoped to return this equipment to the BARG (Ballarat Amateur Radio Group) as soon as testing is completed to allow the installation work of the two 9600 Baud link boxes to connect VK3RPC to VK3RMU and VK3RPC to VK3RPG. Once these projects are complete, this will be the end of major project development by MPRGi in the greater Melbourne area.

73 de Peter VK3AVE - President MPRGi.

Four Yore Ice Only

I have a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye can knot sea.

When eye strike a quay, ore right a word
Eye weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait aweigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two late
And eye can put the error rite
It's rarely rarely grate.

I've run this poem threw it
I'm shore yore pleased two no
It's letter perfect in its weigh
My chequer tolled me sew.

Sauce Unknown.



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PLEASE CONSIDER !!



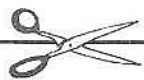
FRIDAY 25TH. JULY 1997
is the
B.A.R.G. Inc. Annual Meeting.

This is YOUR chance to assist in steering our Club to a bigger and brighter future.

Here is your chance to input your particular skills into the successful operation of BARG for the next twelve months. All of the positions will be vacated and offered for re-election. There are approx 23 positions to be filled, and there MUST be at least one where you could contribute a small amount of time and your expertise to ensure that BARG continues to prosper.

If you are not prepared to have a go, or are unable to, then please give consideration to which other members would be an asset to serve as Office Bearers, and convince them to accept nomination on the following form. Don't forget to obtain their signature as well. Please Consider !!

Forward forms to the Secretary before 18th. of July. - Tnks.



B.A.R.G. Inc. NOMINATION FORM.

DATE: _____

We wish to nominate _____ Call: _____

for the position of _____ of B.A.R.G. Inc.

Nominated by : (Signature) _____ Call : VK3 _____

Seconded by : (Signature) _____ Call: VK3 _____

Signature of Nominee : _____ Call: VK3 _____



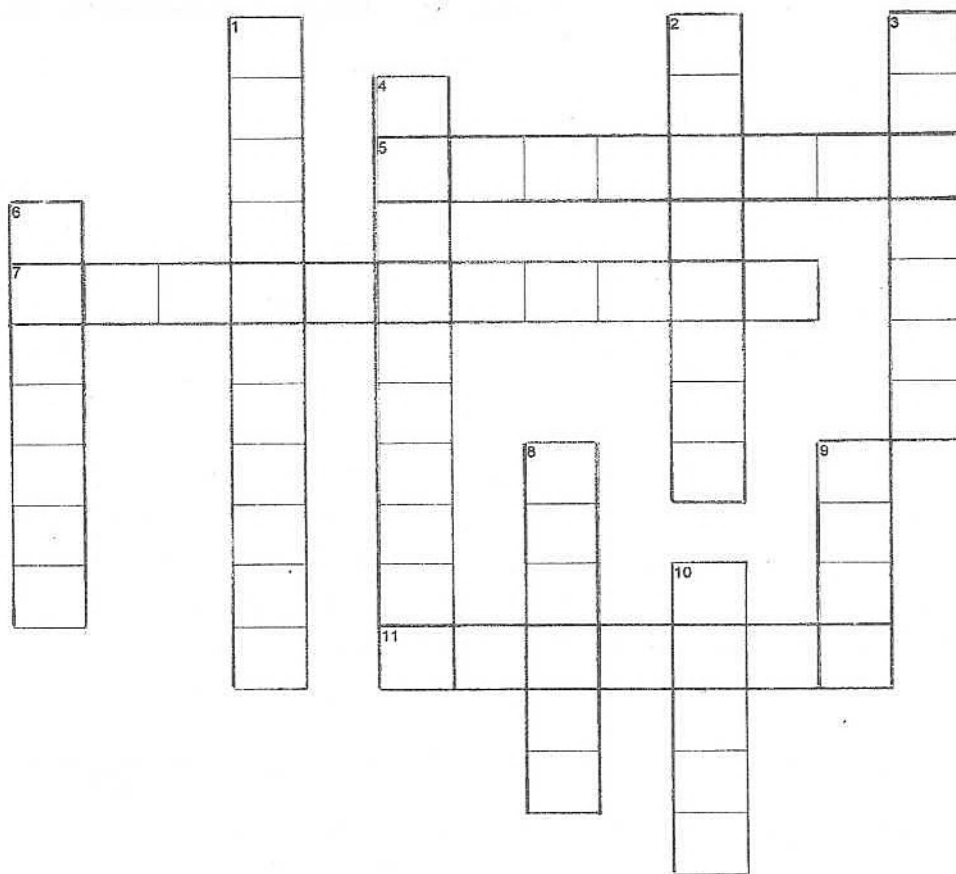
SOME IDEAS FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

ACROSS

5. Drawn Lightheartedly
7. The best ways to learn.
11. Not too many tall ones please.

DOWN

1. There! You did it.
2. New endeavours.
3. They were the days.
4. Goings on.
6. Written results of your efforts.
8. What we laugh at.
9. What's happening.
10. What you get without input.



COME ON - THERE MUST BE SOMETHING !
THE "IN" TRAY IS EMPTY.

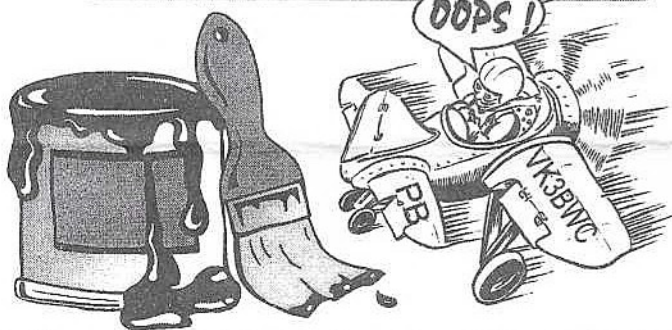
Conroy's 3D Paint City

see Paul Bruty - VK3BWC

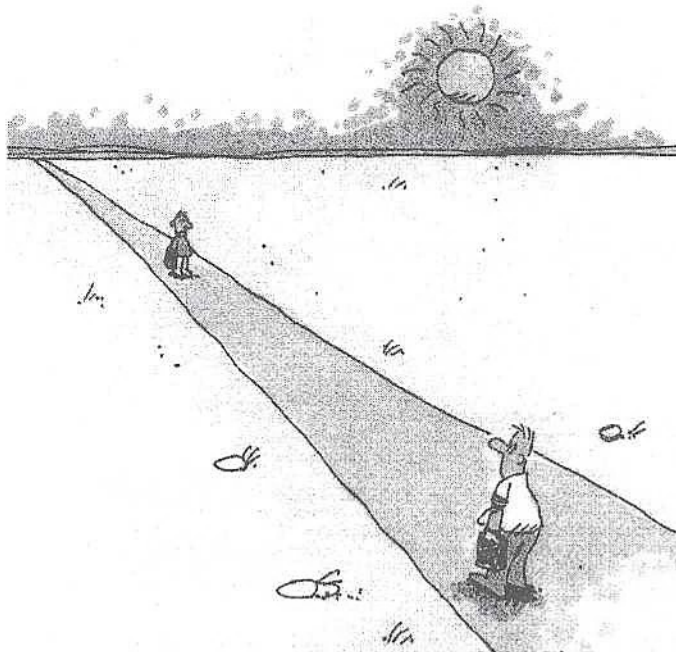
104 Skipton Street Ballarat

Phone - 5331-1680

*The Paint Specialists
who will assist you
with all of your
Painting Problems*



B.A.R.G. is indebted to Conroy's for their help with the supply of paint for the Airport Clubrooms. You may like to support them when you next "slap on a bit of paint".



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73 Bell VK3PH



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COMING EVENTS.

May 30th. Meeting - Junk Auction - TRAFFIC SAFETY SCHOOL. 7.30 PM

June 9 - 10th Mallee Rally - WICEN

June 18th - Committee Meeting

June 27th - General Meeting.

Monday Nights - Construction Nights.

Sunday Nights. 2M Scramble - 7.50pm. 146.425 to 146.600 MHz.

Thursday Nights- Club Net - 3.610 MHz. - 8pm (8.30pm in Daylight Saving)

Thursday Nights - School at Clubrooms.

4th. Wednesday each month -WICEN Training nights.

WATCH FOR DETAILS OF DAYTIME GROUP MEETING & 28 MHZ NET.

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NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME.

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